

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to address informalities noted by the Examiner.

Claim 1 has been amended to define more clearly over the art of record. More particularly, the weight compensation means has been changed to the more narrow recitation of at least one helical spring having an end which is fixed and an end which is rotated with a shaft of the vertical drive. Claim 1 is now closer to the scope of claim 8 , which is indicated as being allowable.

Claims 1-4 and 7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Lübke in view of Göttling. Lübke discloses a positioning apparatus for moving an impression cylinder into and out of printing engagement with an image carrier cylinder. Weight compensation means in the form of a pneumatic cylinder, a cable, a pulley, and a counterweight are provided. Göttling is cited only for its disclosure of vertical and horizontal guide units. Neither reference discloses or suggests the use of helical springs for relieving the vertical drive of the weight of a functional device during vertical displacement.

The claims as presently amended being definite and patentable over the art of record, withdrawal of the rejections and early allowance are solicited. If any objections remain, a call to the undersigned is requested.

It is believed that no fees or charges are required at this time in connection with the present application; however, if any fees or charges are required at this time, they may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

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